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Sir:

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A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were discovered during any searches they or their client had made, or that they were considered in the preparation of the application.

Please note that WO 97/22098 and U.S. Patent No. 6,110,574, both disclosed in the specification of this application, correspond to each other.

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